

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform

Assembly Bill 610

Relating to: replacing the term hearing aid with hearing instrument, creating new grounds for discipline of hearing instrument specialists, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists, changing the definition of audiology, and changing licensing requirements for audiologists, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Newcomer, A. Ott, Zepnick, Sheridan, Townsend, Wasserman, Jorgensen, Bies, Kaufert and Mason; cosponsored by Senators Vinehout, Kedzie, Coggs, Lehman, Taylor, Kapanke and Olsen.

December 04, 2007 Referred to Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform.

February 5, 2008 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (13) Representatives Vukmir, Moulton, F. Lasee, Wieckert, Strachota, Newcomer, Nygren, Zipperer, Wasserman, Shilling, Vruwink, Benedict and Seidel.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Representative Newcomer, Hartland — 33rd Assembly District
- Meredy Hase, Wales
- Veronica Heide, MD, Fitchburg
- Gerard Kupperman, Oconomowoc
- Laura Feldhake, Stoughton — WSHA - P

Appearances Against

- Scott Chaiet, MD, Madison — WI Society of Otolaryngology
- James Ogurek, Wasau — International Hearing Society - Hearing Instrument Specialist
- Todd Beyer, Marshfield

Appearances for Information Only

- Doug Johnson, Evansville — WI Alliance of Hearing Professionals

Registrations For

- Representative Zepnick, Milwaukee — 9th Assembly District
- Senator Taylor, Milwaukee — 4th Senate District
- Ramie Leonard, Madison — WSHA - P

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 13, 2008

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

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Committee Clerk